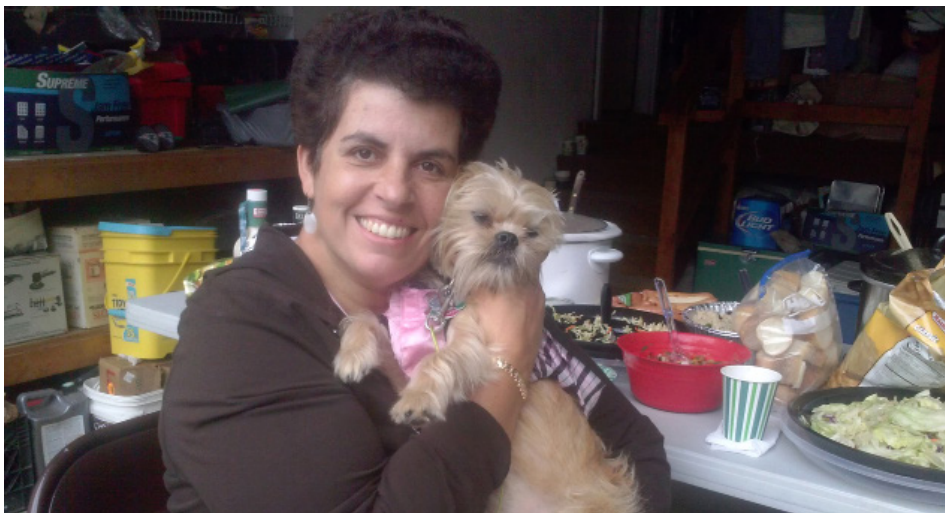


Wagging Tales

The unofficial newsletter for the small dogs and their people of Barkland Dog Park

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Margaret Russell and the infamous Willow celebrate during the first dog park party, held in 2013 at Arthur and Diane Breedy's house.

Keep in Touch with Barkland Friends and Dogs

Winter is likely to be long and cold, and the 2015 opening of Barkland is months away. *Wagging Tales* offers a chance to keep in touch and share the latest doggie and people news with each other. The plan is to publish an issue on or about the 10th of each month. You can find news about the people and dogs you've come to know, and also read about general canine-related news, tips and fun things.

Delicious to You, Take Your Dog on Vacation with You Toxic to Dogs

With the holidays coming up, you're likely to be indulging in all kinds of tasty treats and cooking special meals for the family. Whereas some people foods are o.k. for your canine buddy, such as plain sweet potatoes, green beans, canned pumpkin, turkey (no bones) and cranberries (watch the sugar, though), other foods can be toxic. These are the ones to avoid:

- **Chocolate** (highly toxic in all forms)
- **Grapes and raisins** (can cause kidney failure)
- **Onions** (bad for the digestive system)
- **Bones** (can splinter and lodge in the intestines)
- **Milk** (Dogs are lactose intolerant.)
- **Sugar and processed foods** (not good for you, either)
- **Artificial sweeteners** (especially anything with Xylitol)
- **Spicy foods** (no explanation needed)

There's no need to leave the dog at home when you and your family go on vacation. Several hotel chains are dog friendly and allow your furry friend to share your room at little or no extra cost.

Red Roof Inns and La Quinta allow dogs at no extra charge. Some Marriott properties, such as Residence Inns, Townplace Suites and Springfield Suites, allow dogs for a fee. Other dog-friendly hotel chains include Fairmont, Four Seasons, Choice Hotels (Comfort Inn, Quality Inn, Rodeway Inn, EconoLodge), Loews and Best Western. You should check with the individual hotel to find out the fees and restrictions on size and/or breed.

If you are traveling by air with a small dog, consider [Jet Blue](#). They have a very lenient

policy on taking dogs in the cabin. They do, however, need to be small enough to travel in a kennel that fits under the seat in front of you.

Check out petswelcome.com for a list of pet-friendly hotel chains. An extremely useful site, [Bring Fido](#), provides listings of pet-friendly accommodations by city, along with local doggie events, dog parks, hiking trails, beaches, stores, vets, services and even restaurants that allow dogs.

Fortunately, many companies in the U.S. today realize that pets are part of the family. After all, there's no reason your dog should miss out on the family vacation.

Do you have news or photos of you and your dog that you'd like to share? Is there a particular topic you'd like to have covered? Email it by the first of the month to make it in the next issue. Send your email to:

pwehbi@yahoo.com.

Rain Delay: Halloween Comes a Week Late to Barkland

What a beautiful day for a doggie Halloween costume party — even if it was celebrated in November. Approximately 20 dogs and their human family members enjoyed the sunshine, brisk temperature ... and the treats.

Hats off to the dogs for managing to wear their costumes for two hours. The exception was Spiderman Charlie Barretto who slipped out of his costume, presumably to assume his alter ego.

Choosing the costume contest winner was not an easy task. Everyone looked fantastic, from French maid Chanel Brinkley to the devil-may-care Rusty Houlihan. Magnet (owned by Susan Mapes) took first place as the recently released inmate convicted of stealing milk bones and urinating in public. Magnet's prize was a \$50 gift certificate for Pet Express. The ever-popular Bella (owned by Michael Cotter) was runner-up as the colorful bouncing caterpillar. Bella can thank Mayor Judith Flanagan Kennedy's office for her free pass to Barkland for 2015.



Tails were wagging all afternoon at the first-ever Barkland Halloween costume party. Best-dressed "inmate" Magnet won first prize; "caterpillar" Bella was runner up.

First Winter Play Date Set: Nov. 16

The dog park may have closed for the winter, but that doesn't mean we all can't get together for occasional play dates. [North Shore Dog](#), located at 139 Endicott Street in Danvers (between B.J.'s and Market Basket), has given the Barkland people and dogs the opportunity to get together for much needed play and talk time. The first scheduled get together is Sunday, November 16, from 11am to 1:45pm. The cost is \$5 per dog, payable on arrival. The only other requirement is showing proof of rabies vaccination. The second date is set for Sunday, December 5, from 11-1:45.

North Shore Dog comes highly recommended by Finn McKool, who is a frequent overnight guest. Day-care and boarding are also available.



Canine Couture

Finn McKool sports the latest in fall doggie fashion wear. Now is the best time to shop while there's still a good selection available.

Good Luck, Rocky

Rocky Tibbetts, a.k.a. "Smoothie," is going in for surgery this week to have some fatty tumors removed. We wish him a speedy recovery and want to remind him that the girls will be waiting for him.

What's Your Dog's Favorite Toy?

Finn loves his IQ Treat Ball, available from [Amazon](#), and can bat it around forever, waiting for the little chewy bits to come out. It keeps him entertained for quite a while. What toy can your dog not live without? Let me know.

Happy Birthday to You

Magnet Mapes (November 2)
Lilly Kourembanas (November 18)
Stella Comeau (November 22)

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